

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A track assembly comprising:
a frame;
a first an elongated spindle tiltably connected to said frame to tilt from side to side;
a second elongated spindle tiltably connected to said frame to tilt from side to side;
a first idler wheel rotatably mounted to said first elongated spindle wherein said first
spindle is provided with an alignment mechanism for selectively varying an
alignment of said first idler wheel;
a second idler wheel operationally associated with said frame, wherein said second idler
wheel is rotatably mounted to said second elongated spindle; and
a continuous track provided around said first and second idler wheels, said continuous
track having a tread portion formed by a lower span of said continuous track.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The track assembly as recited in claim 1[[3]], wherein said
alignment mechanism comprises an alignment bracket attached to said first spindle at one end
and attached to an adjustment mechanism at an opposite end.
5. (Original) The track assembly as recited in claim 4, wherein said adjustment mechanism
comprises an eccentric bushing mounted to said frame, and a socket joint mounted to said
eccentric bushing.

6. (Original) The track assembly as recited in claim 4, further comprising a rotatable joint between said alignment bracket and said adjustment mechanism to permit tilting of said first elongated spindle.
7. (Original) A cart comprising two of the track assemblies of claim 1.
8. (Original) A track assembly comprising:
 - a frame having a first end and a second end;
 - a first idler wheel operably associated with said frame at said first end of said frame;
 - a link pivotally connected at said second end of said frame at a pivot member to pivot in a generally vertical plane about a pivot axis defined by said pivot member, an imaginary dividing plane being defined by a vertical extension of said pivot axis;
 - a second idler wheel operably provided on said link;
 - a tensioning device between said frame and said link to maintain an axis of said second idler wheel below said pivot member and on a side of said imaginary dividing plane opposite from said first idler wheel; and
 - a continuous track provided around said first and second idler wheels, said continuous track having a tread portion formed by a lower span of said continuous track.
9. (Original) The track assembly of claim 8, wherein said first and second idler wheels are mounted on tiltable spindles to permit said first and second idler wheels to tilt with said tread portion as said track assembly is moved across uneven terrain.
10. (Original) The track assembly of claim 9, further comprising a mechanism for varying an alignment of said first idler wheel.
11. (Original) The track assembly of claim 8, wherein said location of said axis of said idler wheel below said pivot member and on said opposite side of said imaginary dividing plane from

said first idler wheel causing said track to be placed in tension as a downward load is applied to said frame.

12. (Original) A cart comprising two of the track assemblies as defined in claim 8.

13. (New) A cart comprising:

a first track assembly comprising:

a frame having a first end and a second end;

a first idler wheel operably associated with said frame at said first end of said frame;

a link pivotally connected at said second end of said frame at a pivot member to pivot in a generally vertical plane about a pivot axis defined by said pivot member, an imaginary dividing plane being defined by a vertical extension of said pivot axis;

a second idler wheel operably provided on said link;

a tensioning device between said frame and said link to maintain an axis of said second idler wheel below said pivot member and on a side of said imaginary dividing plane opposite from said first idler wheel; and

a continuous track provided around said first and second idler wheels, said continuous track having a tread portion formed by a lower span of said continuous track;

a second track assembly comprising:

a frame having a first end and a second end;

a first idler wheel operably associated with said frame at said first end of said frame;

a link pivotally connected at said second end of said frame at a pivot member to
pivot in a generally vertical plane about a pivot axis defined by said pivot
member, an imaginary dividing plane being defined by a vertical
extension of said pivot axis;

a second idler wheel operably provided on said link;

a tensioning device between said frame and said link to maintain an axis of said
second idler wheel below said pivot member and on a side of said
imaginary dividing plane opposite from said first idler wheel; and

a continuous track provided around said first and second idler wheels, said
continuous track having a tread portion formed by a lower span of said
continuous track.